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PASTOR'S STUDY,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
PASSAIC, N. J.

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My Dear Belton

I am delighted, as I
lean open my C. M. Intelligencer for
Apr. 7, to find that you have got upon its
pages about N. S. M. While I congrat-
ulate you personally you will let me
say that I am one-delighted with the
foot note on page 263 which the Ed-
itor deems necessary in order to make
your simple meaning clear.

"The idea that the Church's restriction
voluntary section, should endure
momentarily, & x x is especially prevalent
among Presbyterians!"

How precious the thought our name dis-
cussing in Synodical office the other
day! The idea is obviously correct
"For the kindness of many hearts" God has

supported the organization of societies to spread the blessed Christ's Gospel, "but from the beginning it was not so"

It is a function - the function of the Church. It is today in Presbyterian theory. It is not, by more than half.

our practice. We still respect the "Board" and the "Secretaries" - the commit - ment and only - are Secretaries! - to ap - pear and averse and envelop re - ceive, as if they were the secular agents for Society! Thereby our practice is at loggerheads with our theory.

Now, my own wish, as you men who sat in Dissonance Office the other day have a grip by means of which to begin to set practice in harmony with theory. Let us demand that the Synod of New Jersey establish a Committee, choice and strong, of one minister and one elder from each Presbytery whose function it shall

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be to develop missionary interest
activity and generosity within the
bounds of Synod — a purpose distinct
understanding that similar and con-
current Committees shall exist in each
Presbytery; and that such Presbyterial
Committees shall be in vital connec-
tion with every Service, and, if it
please God, that such Service shall
touch every household and soul under
its care. That it is a machinery to
excite jubilation among the people.

And we can set it up in the Synod
of New Jersey. It is our privilege to
recommend it. We have argu-
ment power to show its necessity
and its sure usefulness. And by the es-
tablishment of the Synod we can
and we can get the votes for its ad-

option. One obstacle only hindered.
So etc, the existing Permanent Com-
mittee, and that is to say, one their
fathers, Dr. J. - Now I have been
close to Dr. Ingham in Paris by being there
seventeen years and I know their
mole. If you, Truel and Sir more
will take up the idea of a Committee
London, I will go to Dr. Ingham,
talk it all over with him, and I
feel sure that I can arrange his
favor toward the scheme.

Believe, we must put this thing
aband. It is the true result of our
U.S.M. work. If I feared that you
were thinking that the "simultaneous-
ness" was the merit of the movement.
But we agreed that it was a mistake.
Known it may have been in
England - for in the strong point is
the fact that it was sympathetic action,
the Church could taking mission

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business into its own hands. So it
ought to be. Let us make it a fit-
time in this old, representative, mod-
ern Synod of New Jersey. While the
members and wisdom-bearing leaders
are doing let us put this good
thing on them before they know it!

You see, Belson, this is a scheme
to operate through Church courts and
ultimately reach every Church-
member and make this a contribu-
tion to mission. Do you remember
a card I enclosed to you last year.
I enclose another now. I will look
at the Intelligencer for March, p. 192
before the middle. That card got
into print I know not how, and it
has floated about, turning up here

and there. So you see one who are
not true things; neither is one light
more a bushel-basket! I feel
sure that the Lord has something for
us to achieve for masses.

What I meant for a few weeks
since has since long since been
anticipated.

I am

Yours and truly

P. F. Secor

Perris

Mar-1

Dear Arthur Brewster,

Yours of the

25th rec. came to hand -

Keep the Rank-Fulmer title
as now - I am in

favor of your working upon
"Fundamental Facts and Arguments"

Dr. Butler thinks he can
work best on an "Appeal
to Reason" etc

I could work best on a

"Synopses" or "birds-eye view" -
as to numerous biographies
I do not come entirely clear.
Dr. Butler has his attention
drawn to the Trust Soc's series
of "Linnæus's Hens", edited
by Dr. Hayden. They are
very good, of course. I had
thought rather of some of the
numerous men of the latest
hour, who have impeded
themselves in opening the
last fields of measures.

- as Hunt-Falconer for Arabia;
George Mackenzie Gordon for Beluchistan;
Bp. Haumea for Legation
- Thomas J. Carter for the Congo.
But I do not know how to
make things go.

I hope you will secure
the meeting in March -
Sometimes I feel disappointed
about the whole thing; and
I dare say you do. But I
~~suppose~~ ^{suppose} we must press ahead.

I hope you are better in
health. Do get a meeting
before you fall into the hands

of B. ^{the} Hay Mills. You would
be good for anything else when
once he gets you — at least
for some months. But he
will stir you ~~up~~ and do
you great good. The left
rich blessing here and much
pastoral ease which I am
beginning now every day.

I am

Yours most truly

P. F. Leavens

Parraic

Apr. 12

My Dear Belton.

Your note is at hand, and the Vol. I am sorry you did feel so solicited about the books. As you have not yet written about the Conference Volume I send by Ex. the other books of which you spoke. I ought to have put them right along at first, as I was most willing to do. I hesitated only because your suggestion about them came along as an unpremeditated remark in conversation, and I wondered if you really wished to set yourself to the task of running on so much ground. You are most welcome to

retain the volumes any length of
time. I want you them one by one
long ago.

I get forward more tardily on the
topic. I do not see what I can do
with it. It is a volume, if it is
well done. I can not steal the time
and strength to do it; and if it were
done, an ed. not print it. So I am
un-pleas'd. But I shall follow the
lead as far as I can go.

Again, I am dis-may'd at the way the
year is terminating with the Board.

The April appeal is frantic. With all
an effort in my Parish, instead of
advancing, I suppose we have fallen
behind. Our Domestic Societies are be-
hind last year.

The call of the Assembly for "a million
million" was after all more benevolent.
Nobody here tried to raise it: the Board
seems to have had no regard to it in fix-
ing the limit of their appropriations: and
I can not see what the resolution
was for. Are we spending our strength
for naught? I sometimes fear that we
are. If you have any surplus
conceal in stock, you had better turn
them out for the benefit of the rest
of us.

I hope I shall see what you
produce in the Conference Vol.

I am
Yours truly
P. S. Sewall

P.S. Have you received the note I wrote
last week? In it I said I would average
of receive the amount I spent for mail-
ing 90 numbers of N. S. M. 90-3 which
I suppose are some \$5 or \$6.

Your bill for printing was \$11. if I re-
member rightly.

Perhaps I ought not to object your pay-
ing the whole, if you think best. It is
not material to me

P. S.